PRESIDENT : Question No. 74.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know.....

PRESIDENT : I have called the next question.

Concession in respect of payment of land tax.

74. **MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*) : (*a*) Are the Government aware of the hardships of the ryots of Nanjinad to pay land tax on account of the low price of agricultural products ; and

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they intend to extend the concession granted to the ryots for this year, to the year 1109 also ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) Government consider that the prices of agricultural products have not gone so low as to make it hard for the Nanjinad ryots to pay their land tax. There was, however, failure of crops in Nanjinad during the current year due to plantpest, and Government have therefore sanctioned the remission of 25 per cent of the Kumbhom crop assessment on Ayacut and post Settlement registries of wet lands in the taluks of Tovala and Agastisvaram.

(*b*) It is too early to think about the matter at present.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*: May I know from the member whether—

PRESIDENT : Wait a minute, Mr. Chidambaram Pillai. The member who asked that question has the first right to ask the supplementary questions.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : நாஞ்சநாட்டில் கிருஷிகர் களுக்கு கரம் கொடுக்க முடியாத நிலைமையில் அவ்வளவு கரம் கூடுதலென்று மெம்பருக்குத்தெரியுமா?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : തിരുവിതാംകൂറിലെ മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു കരം കൂടുതലാണെന്നറിയാം.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : நாஞ்சநாட்டில் நெல்விலை இப்படியிருக்குமானால் கிருஷிகர்களால் கரம் கொடுக்க முடியாதநிலைமை வந்துவிடுமென்பது மெம்பருக்குத்தெரியுமா?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : കൊടുക്കാൻപാടില്ലാത്തവിധത്തിൽ വില കുറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലെന്നാണു ഗവണ്മെന്റു വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*) : மற்றயெல்லாயிடங்களையும்விட நாஞ்சநாட்டில் கரம் கூடுதலென்று மெம்பருக்குத்தெரியுமா? ஆனால் இப்போது நெல் என்னவிலை?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Ta Commissioner*) : ഇപ്പോൾ കോട്ടക്കു് തൃപ്പാ വിലയാണു്.

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MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): ஒரு ஏக்கர் நிலத்தில் எத்தனை காட்டை செல்லினையும்?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): അതു നെല്ലിന്റെ താരതമ്യംപോലെയിരിക്കും ൨ ൦-൦ ൨ ൫-൦ കോട്ട വിളയുന്ന നിലങ്ങളുമുണ്ട്.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): காஞ்சாட்டில் ஒரு ஏக்கருக்கு எவ்வளவு நெல் கிடைக்கும். சிலவுபோக கிருஷிகர்களுக்கு எண்ணகிடைக்கும்?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): കണക്കു നോക്കിയിട്ടില്ല. എങ്കിലും ഇപ്പോഴത്തെനിലക്കു മിച്ചമുണ്ടാകുമെന്നാണ് വിചാരിക്കുന്നതു്.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): திருப்பதிசாரம் சற்காற் கிருஷி தோட்டத்தில் ஏக்கர் ஒன்றுக்கு எவ்வளவு நெல் கிடைக்குமென்று மெம்பருக்கு சொல்லமுடியுமா?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): കൃഷിത്തോട്ടത്തിൽ മറ്റുനിലങ്ങളെ അപേക്ഷിച്ചു കൂടുതൽ വിലകിട്ടുമെന്നു എനിക്കറിയാം. അതായതു മറ്റു സ്ഥലങ്ങളിൽ ൫-൦ ൬-൦ കോട്ട കിട്ടിയപ്പോൾ കൃഷിത്തോട്ടത്തിൽ ൧൦൦ കോട്ട നെല്ലുകിട്ടി.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): அவ்வளவு கிடைப்பது சீமையரம் போட்டதிலுலேதானே?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Reveenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): ഓർമ്മയില്ല. ശീമവരം ചേർക്കുന്നതിനു കുറച്ചധികം ചിലവുണ്ടായി എന്നുവരാം.

MR. R. SIVASUBRAHMANYA NADAR (*Agastisvaram*): காஞ்சாட்டில் கிருஷிக்காரர்கள் சாணகம் தானே நிலத்தில் போடுகிறார்கள். ஆனையில் சீமையரம் போடுவதுபோலுள்ள விளைவு கிடைக்குமா?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. None of these questions seem to arise out of the main question. The member is asking about the method of cultivation and manuring in Nanjinad.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether he is able to say what the present *nirak* rate of paddy in Nanjinad is?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): It is published in the Gazette. I have not got the Gazette with me now.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member the average rate of land tax for Nanjinad paddy lands?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I believe it is somewhere between Rs. 11 and Rs. 12 per acre.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member the basis of that calculation ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have divided the ayacut revenue by the area under cultivation and arrived at the average rate.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): Is it not that the average rate works out at about Rs. 16-9 chs. ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I do not know how the member has arrived at that figure. I got my average by dividing the ayacut revenue by the area under cultivation and according to this calculation the average is only about Rs. 11 to Rs. 12 per acre.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member whether the ryots have got to invest on an average about Rs. 45 per acre in the matter of raising the cultivation ?

RAO SAHIB DR.N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I do not know, Sir, whether that question arises.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know from the member what is the rate of expenditure in the Tirupatisaram Agricultural Experimental Farm for cultivation ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Sir, the question does not arise.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Továla*): May I know from the member on what basis he expressed that, at the present rate the ryots were able to pay land tax ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): That is my opinion.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I know on what basis he came to this opinion ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): If you calculate the value of the yield and the cost of cultivation I think there will be sufficient balance left for the payment of tax.

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala*): May I request the member to elucidate the matter for the information of the House ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice, Sir. I have not got all the details with me now.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know from the member whether there is any special reason for this high rate of tax in Nanjinad ?

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PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*) : May I know from the member whether taxes on land in Nanjinad include the water cess as well?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : Yes.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : May I know from the member how far low the price of agricultural produce should go before a ryot is unable to pay tax?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : It has not gone down so far now that the ryots cannot pay.

MR. P. CHIDAMBARAM PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*) : Then how far low should it go for the ryot not to be able to pay?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : I have not calculated it. I claim notice of the question, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : May I know from the member by what percentage the price of agricultural produce has gone down now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : The present market rate of paddy is about Rs. 5 per Kottah and there was a time when paddy was selling at about Rs. 8 or Rs. 9 per Kottah. From these figures the per centage of fall can be worked out.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know from the member whether there are any other taluks in which the tax is so high?

PRESIDENT : That does not arise.

PRESIDENT : Question No. 75 stands in the name of Mr. S. Krishna Pillai. The member is not present but the reply will be given and supplementary questions may be asked by any other member.

Construction of a pier at Kochupilammood.

75. ***MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any proposal for the construction of a pier at Kochupilammoodu, Quilon, and if so the probable date on which the proposal was first brought to the notice of Government ;

(*b*) whether the Government have considered the proposal and if so with what result ;

(*c*) whether they have received any representations from Messrs. Harrisons and Crossfield regarding the construction of the pier and if so the nature thereof ;

(*d*) whether they are aware that Messrs. Harisons and Crossfield propose to shift their headquarters to Cochin for want of sea-transport facilities at Quilon ; and

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